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The death of SIMON NEWCOMB, D.Sc., Ph.D., LL.D., D.C.L., etc., on July 11, 1909, brought to a close a life of marvelous activity, productive of many achievements of very high order and value.

Notwithstanding his many other duties, NEWCOMB accepted a call to the Johns Hopkins University as Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy on the departure of Sylvester for England in 1884. At the same time he assumed the editorship of the American Journal of Mathematics.

As Professor and Emeritus Professor in the University, and as Editor-in-Chief and Co-editor of this Journal he exerted here the marked influence of his personality for a quarter of a century.
